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To amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to prohibit States from refusing to accept balloting materials solely because the materials are generated through the use of a computer program, are not printed on a specific type of paper, or do not otherwise meet similar extraneous requirements which are not clearly necessary to prevent fraud in the conduct of elections, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. MALONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Overseas Voting Prac-  
3 tical Amendments Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL FEDERAL FORM AS**  
5 **FEDERAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSEN-**  
6 **TEE BALLOT APPLICATION.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION AND DISTRIBUTION.—Section 101  
8 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting  
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “an official  
11 post card form” and inserting “an official Federal  
12 Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Applica-  
13 tion”; and

14 (2) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “official  
15 post card forms” and inserting “official Federal  
16 Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Applica-  
17 tions”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (1) STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section  
20 102(a)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—1(a)(4))  
21 is amended by striking “the official post card form”  
22 and inserting “the official Federal Voter Registra-  
23 tion and Absentee Ballot Application”.

24 (2) USE OF SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL SUB-  
25 SEQUENT ELECTIONS.—Section 104 of such Act (42  
26 U.S.C. 1973ff—3) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “an offi-  
2 cial post card form” and inserting “an official  
3 Federal Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot  
4 Application”;

5 (B) in subsection (c)—

6 (i) in the heading, by striking “OFFI-  
7 CIAL POST CARD FORM” and inserting  
8 “OFFICIAL FEDERAL VOTER REGISTRA-  
9 TION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICA-  
10 TION”, and

11 (ii) in the matter preceding paragraph  
12 (1), by striking “official post card form”  
13 and inserting “official Federal Voter Reg-  
14 istration and Absentee Ballot Application”;  
15 and

16 (C) in subsection (e), by striking “the  
17 postcard form” and inserting “the official Fed-  
18 eral Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Ap-  
19 plication”.

20 (3) DEFINITION OF BALLOTING MATERIALS.—  
21 Section 107(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—  
22 6(2)) is amended by striking “official post card  
23 forms” and inserting “official Federal Voter Reg-  
24 istration and Absentee Ballot Applications”.

1   **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS,**  
2                           **BALLOTS, AND OTHER MATERIALS FOR FAIL-**  
3                           **URE TO MEET NONESSENTIAL REQUIRE-**  
4                           **MENTS.**

5       (a) VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT  
6 APPLICATIONS.—Section 102 of the Uniformed and Over-  
7 seas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—  
8 1) is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 section:

10       “(e) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT APPLICA-  
11 TIONS FOR FAILURE TO MEET NONESSENTIAL REQUIRE-  
12 MENTS.—A State may not refuse to accept or process any  
13 otherwise valid voter registration application or absentee  
14 ballot application (including the official Federal Voter  
15 Registration and Absentee Ballot Application prescribed  
16 under section 101) submitted by an absent uniformed  
17 services voter or overseas voter on any of the following  
18 grounds:

19               “(1) The application is not on a post card, is  
20       printed or otherwise produced through the use of a  
21       computer program or an Internet site, or is other-  
22       wise a facsimile of an official application.

23               “(2) In the case of the official Federal Voter  
24       Registration and Absentee Ballot Application pre-  
25       scribed under section 101, the application does not

1 include specific information included on applications  
2 produced by the State.

3 “(3) The application, the envelope in which the  
4 application is submitted, or any affidavit or other at-  
5 testation accompanying the application does not con-  
6 form to specific requirements under State law re-  
7 garding the size, shape, weight, or color of the paper  
8 on which it is produced.

9 “(4) The application is not notarized or wit-  
10 nessed by a Notary Public or other official author-  
11 ized to administer oaths.

12 “(5) The application is received by the State  
13 other than through delivery by the United States  
14 Postal Service.

15 “(6) The application is returned with insuffi-  
16 cient postage.

17 “(7) The application, the envelope in which the  
18 application is submitted, or any affidavit or other at-  
19 testation accompanying the application does not  
20 meet any other requirement which the Presidential  
21 designee determines (under regulations promulgated  
22 by the Presidential designee) is not clearly necessary  
23 to prevent fraud in the conduct of elections.”.

24 (b) ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—Section 103 of such Act  
25 (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—2) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
2           section (g); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
4           lowing new subsection:

5           “(f) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT BALLOT  
6 FOR FAILURE TO MEET NONESSENTIAL REQUIRE-  
7 MENTS.—A State may not refuse to accept or process any  
8 otherwise valid absentee ballot, including the Federal  
9 write-in absentee ballot, submitted by an absent uniformed  
10 services voter or overseas voter on any of the following  
11 grounds:

12           “(1) The ballot as submitted is printed or oth-  
13           erwise produced through the use of a computer pro-  
14           gram or an Internet site or is otherwise a facsimile  
15           of the original ballot.

16           “(2) The ballot, the envelope in which the ballot  
17           is submitted, or any affidavit or other attestation ac-  
18           companying the ballot as submitted does not con-  
19           form to specific requirements under State law re-  
20           garding the size, shape, weight, or color of the paper  
21           on which it is produced.

22           “(3) The ballot is not notarized or witnessed by  
23           a Notary Public or other official authorized to ad-  
24           minister oaths.

1           “(4) The ballot is received by the State other  
2           than through delivery by the United States Postal  
3           Service.

4           “(5) The ballot is returned with insufficient  
5           postage.

6           “(6) The envelope in which the ballot is sub-  
7           mitted bears a postmark from a location within the  
8           United States.

9           “(7) The envelope in which the ballot is sub-  
10          mitted does not bear a postmark, if the voter has  
11          signed and dated the ballot or the envelope in which  
12          the ballot is submitted.

13          “(8) The ballot, the envelope in which the ballot  
14          is submitted, or any affidavit or other attestation ac-  
15          companying the ballot as submitted does not meet  
16          any other requirement which the Presidential des-  
17          ignee determines (under regulations promulgated by  
18          the Presidential designee) is not clearly necessary to  
19          prevent fraud in the conduct of elections.”.

20   **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS ON FORM OF DOCUMENTATION RE-**  
21                   **QUIRED FOR APPLICATIONS AND BALLOTS**  
22                   **PRODUCED BY STATES.**

23          (a) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR VOTER REG-  
24          ISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS.—  
25          Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Ab-

1 sentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—1), as amended by  
2 section 3(a), is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
3 lowing new subsection:

4 “(f) PROHIBITING REQUIREMENT OF DOCUMENTA-  
5 TION NOT AVAILABLE TO ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES  
6 OR OVERSEAS VOTERS.—A State may not require an ab-  
7 sent uniformed services voter or overseas voter who sub-  
8 mits a voter registration application or absentee ballot ap-  
9 plication produced by the State to include with the appli-  
10 cation any form of documentation which may be issued  
11 only to an individual who physically resides in the State  
12 (such as a current State motor vehicle operator’s license  
13 or a current utility bill).”.

14 (b) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR ABSENTEE  
15 BALLOTS.—Section 103 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—  
16 2), as amended by section 3(b), is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
18 section (h); and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(g) PROHIBITING REQUIREMENT OF DOCUMENTA-  
22 TION NOT AVAILABLE TO ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES  
23 OR OVERSEAS VOTERS.—A State may not require an ab-  
24 sent uniformed services voter or overseas voter who sub-  
25 mits an absentee ballot produced by the State to include



1 with the ballot any form of documentation which may be  
2 issued only to an individual who physically resides in the  
3 State (such as a current State motor vehicle operator's  
4 license or a current utility bill).''.

5 **SEC. 5. REQUIRING CLARIFICATION OF POSTAGE MARK-**  
6 **INGS ON CERTAIN BALLOTING MATERIALS**  
7 **MAILED BY STATES.**

8 Section 3406 of title 39, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
11 section (c); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(b) In the case of balloting materials under the Uni-  
15 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act con-  
16 sisting of pre-printed return envelopes which are prepared  
17 by a State for the submission of materials by an absent  
18 uniformed services voter or overseas voter under such  
19 Act—

20 “(1) the State shall ensure that the address to  
21 which the materials are to be submitted includes the  
22 designation ‘United States of America’ or ‘USA’;

23 “(2) the State shall ensure that the materials  
24 state clearly the identity of the sender and the iden-  
25 tity of the intended recipient; and

1           “(3) if the materials are designated as postage  
2       paid, the State shall clarify whether the designation  
3       applies only to materials mailed within the United  
4       States or to materials mailed overseas through the  
5       Army Post Office or Fleet Post Office.”.

6       **SEC. 6. PROVISION OF BALLOTS IN SUBSEQUENT ELEC-**  
7                               **TIONS.**

8       (a) PERMITTING VOTERS TO REQUEST ABSENTEE  
9       BALLOTS IN ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.—Section  
10      104(a) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
11      Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—3(a)) is amended by strik-  
12      ing “through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elec-  
13      tions” and all that follows through “such general elec-  
14      tions),” and inserting “(subject to subsections (b) and  
15      (d)),”

16      (b) WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ABSEN-  
17      TEE BALLOTS IN SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS TO INDIVID-  
18      UALS WITH UNKNOWN ADDRESSES.—Section 104(a) of  
19      such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—3(a)) is amended by striking  
20      the period at the end and inserting the following: “, other  
21      than any election occurring after any absentee ballot or  
22      other election material sent by the State to the voter is  
23      returned to the State as undeliverable or with no for-  
24      warding address within the State or after the voter notifies

1 the State that the voter is no longer an absent uniformed  
2 services voter or absentee voter.”.

3 (c) PERMITTING EARLY SUBMISSION OF REQUEST  
4 BY OVERSEAS VOTERS; PERMITTING EARLY SUBMISSION  
5 DURING PREVIOUS YEAR.—Section 104(e) of such Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—3(e)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “during a year” and inserting  
8 “or an overseas voter” ; and

9 (2) by striking “for that year”.

10 **SEC. 7. SPECIAL RULES FOR USE OF FEDERAL WRITE-IN**  
11 **ABSENTEE BALLOT IN CERTAIN STATES.**

12 (a) TREATMENT OF VOTERS USING BALLOT TO  
13 VOTE IN STATES WITH SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRA-  
14 TION.—Section 103(c) of the Uniformed and Overseas  
15 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—2(c)) is  
16 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
17 graph:

18 “(4) If the voter submits the ballot (including  
19 the Federal write-in absentee ballot) in an election  
20 in a State in which voters may register to vote at  
21 the polling place at the time of voting in an election  
22 for Federal office, the voter shall be deemed to have  
23 met the requirements for registering to vote in the  
24 State if the voter has signed the ballot and has pro-  
25 vided the same information which is required on the

1 official Federal Voter Registration and Absentee  
2 Ballot Application (prescribed under section 101) for  
3 simultaneous voter registration and absentee ballot  
4 application.”.

5 (b) USE OF BALLOT FOR STATE AND LOCAL ELEC-  
6 TIONS IN CERTAIN STATES.—Section 103(a) of such Act  
7 (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—2(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following: “In the case of a State in which voters may  
9 use a State absentee write-in ballot in elections for State  
10 and local office, the State shall permit a voter who uses  
11 the Federal write-in absentee ballot under this section to  
12 use such ballot in elections for State and local office, and  
13 the Presidential designee shall ensure that the Federal  
14 write-in absentee ballot is designed to accommodate the  
15 use of the ballot for this purpose.”.

16 **SEC. 8. APPLICATION OF UOCAVA TO INDIVIDUALS NEVER**  
17 **RESIDING IN UNITED STATES WHOSE PAR-**  
18 **ENTS ARE OVERSEAS VOTERS.**

19 Section 107(5)(C) of the Uniformed and Overseas  
20 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—  
21 6(5)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(C) a person who resides outside the  
23 United States and (but for such residence)  
24 would be qualified to vote—

1 “(i) in the last place in which the per-  
2 son was domiciled before leaving the  
3 United States, or

4 “(ii) in the case of an individual who  
5 has never resided in the United States, in  
6 the last place in which the person’s parent  
7 or guardian was domiciled before leaving  
8 the United States or (if the parent or  
9 guardian is domiciled in the United States)  
10 the place in which the parent or guardian  
11 is domiciled;”.

12 **SEC. 9. REQUIRING PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF REJECTION**  
13 **OF VOTER REGISTRATION OR ABSENTEE**  
14 **BALLOT REQUEST.**

15 Section 102(d) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citi-  
16 zens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—1(d)) is  
17 amended by striking “shall provide” and inserting “shall  
18 promptly provide”.

19 **SEC. 10. USE OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH FOR RETURNING**  
20 **COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOTS.**

21 Section 101(c) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citi-  
22 zens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff(c)) is amend-  
23 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

24 “(3) USE OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH FOR RETURN-  
25 ING COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—If an over-

1       seas voter delivers a completed absentee ballot to an  
2       overseas facility of the Department of State, the  
3       Secretary of State shall use the diplomatic pouch to  
4       transmit the ballot to the United States, but only  
5       if—

6               “(A) the ballot is delivered to the facility  
7               not earlier than 14 days prior to the date of the  
8               election involved; and

9               “(B) the Secretary of State determines  
10              that there is no effective alternative available at  
11              the location of the facility (including private  
12              courier services) for the overseas voter to use to  
13              ensure the timely receipt of the ballot.”.

14   **SEC. 11. GRANT PROGRAM FOR OUTREACH TO ABSENT UNI-**  
15                   **FORMED SERVICES VOTERS AND OVERSEAS**  
16                   **VOTERS.**

17       (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

18               (1) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—The Election As-  
19       sistance Commission (hereafter referred to as the  
20       “Commission”) shall establish and operate a pro-  
21       gram for making grants to eligible organizations for  
22       carrying out activities to assist absent uniformed  
23       services voters and overseas voters in voting in elec-  
24       tions for Federal office and to increase turnout  
25       among such voters by providing them with informa-

1       tion in advance of the date of an election on how to  
2       cast absentee ballots in such elections.

3           (2) PERIOD OF GRANT.—Each grant awarded  
4       under the program under this section shall cover a  
5       2-year period.

6       (b) ELIGIBILITY OF ORGANIZATIONS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—An organization is eligible to  
8       receive a grant under the program under this section  
9       if the organization submits to the Commission, at  
10      such time and in such form as the Commission may  
11      require, an application containing information and  
12      assurances that the organization meets the specific  
13      requirements for eligibility described in paragraph  
14      (2), together with such other information and assur-  
15      ances as the Commission considers appropriate.

16          (2) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGI-  
17      BILITY.—The specific requirements described in this  
18      paragraph are as follows:

19           (A) The organization is nonpartisan in na-  
20      ture and will carry out activities funded by the  
21      grant in a non partisan manner.

22           (B) The organization will use the funds  
23      provided under the grant to carry out projects  
24      designed to increase the meaningful participa-

1           tion of absent uniformed services voters and  
2           overseas voters in elections for Federal office.

3           (C) The organization will carry out  
4           projects that include at least one of the fol-  
5           lowing activities:

6                   (i) Outreach and education to identify  
7                   absent uniformed services voters and over-  
8                   seas voters and provide them with accurate  
9                   information about voter registration and  
10                  voting in elections for Federal office, and  
11                  to provide the information well in advance  
12                  of applicable State deadlines.

13                  (ii) Providing assistance to absent  
14                  uniformed services voters and overseas vot-  
15                  ers in registering to vote and casting bal-  
16                  lots in elections for Federal office, and to  
17                  provide the assistance well in advance of  
18                  applicable State deadlines.

19                  (iii) Protecting absentee ballots cast  
20                  by absent uniformed services voters and  
21                  overseas voters from incorrect disqualifica-  
22                  tion or rejection so that all such ballots  
23                  which are properly cast are counted, by  
24                  carrying out accountability oversight of  
25                  State and local election officials and edu-



1 cating such officials of the requirements of  
2 Federal and State laws and regulations  
3 governing the treatment of these ballots,  
4 including the Uniformed and Overseas  
5 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1973ff et seq.) and any applicable State  
7 and local laws.

8 (D) The organization will file the reports  
9 required under subsection (d).

10 (E) The organization will not compile the  
11 names of the absent uniformed services voters  
12 and overseas voters who participate in the  
13 projects funded with the grant for purposes of  
14 a membership list, fundraising, or any commer-  
15 cial purpose.

16 (3) JOINT ELIGIBILITY OF MULTIPLE ORGANI-  
17 ZATIONS.—Two or more organizations may be con-  
18 sidered a single eligible organization for purposes of  
19 receiving a grant under the program under this sec-  
20 tion, so long as each of them meet the specific re-  
21 quirements for eligibility described in paragraph (2).

22 (c) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AMONG ELIGIBLE OR-  
23 GANIZATIONS.—In selecting among eligible organizations  
24 for making grants under the program under this section

1 and in determining the amount of the grant awarded, the  
2 Commission shall take into consideration the following:

3 (1) The need to ensure an appropriate distribu-  
4 tion of participants among various geographic areas,  
5 based upon the most recent available data on the  
6 number and location of absent uniformed services  
7 voters and overseas voters.

8 (2) The extent to which the organizations enter  
9 into partnerships and other collaborative agreements  
10 to carry out the projects involved.

11 (3) The extent to which the organization's ap-  
12 proach to providing services under the projects re-  
13 flects innovation and creativity, including the use of  
14 innovative technologies.

15 (4) In the case of voter education projects, the  
16 clarity of presentation and ease of use of the infor-  
17 mation provided to voters.

18 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

19 (1) REPORTS.—Each eligible organization that  
20 receives a grant under the program under this sec-  
21 tion shall submit to the Commission a report con-  
22 taining the following information with respect to  
23 each year covered by the grant:

24 (A) A description of the projects carried  
25 out with funds provided under the grant during

1 the year (and arranged to be carried out during  
2 the succeeding year, in the case of a report with  
3 respect to an odd-numbered year).

4 (B) The number of absent uniformed serv-  
5 ices voters and overseas voters to whom out-  
6 reach was provided under the projects.

7 (C) The number of absent uniformed serv-  
8 ices voters and overseas voters registered during  
9 the year under the projects.

10 (D) In the case of a report filed with re-  
11 spect to an odd-numbered year, the organiza-  
12 tion's target for the number of absent uni-  
13 formed services voters and overseas voters to  
14 whom the organization will provide assistance  
15 during the following year (including the target  
16 for the number of absentee ballots to be cast by  
17 such voters).

18 (E) In the case of a report filed with re-  
19 spect to an even-numbered year, the number of  
20 absent uniformed services voters and overseas  
21 voters to whom the organization provided as-  
22 sistance during the year and the number of ab-  
23 sentee ballots cast by such voters.

24 (F) The organization's analysis of the op-  
25 portunities for replication of the projects.

1 (G) The number of absentee ballots sub-  
2 mitted by absent uniformed services voters and  
3 overseas voters which were not subject to un-  
4 reasonable rejection or disqualification as a re-  
5 sult of the projects.

6 (2) DEADLINE.—The organization shall submit  
7 the report required under this subsection with re-  
8 spect to a year not later than 90 days after the end  
9 of the year.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 (1) the term “absent uniformed services voter”  
12 has the meaning given such term in section 107(1)  
13 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
14 Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—6(1)); and

15 (2) the term “overseas voter” has the meaning  
16 given such term in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of  
17 section 107(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff—  
18 6(5)).

19 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20 (1) AMOUNT AUTHORIZED.—There are author-  
21 ized to be appropriated for grants under the pro-  
22 gram under this section an aggregate amount of  
23 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each of the  
24 first 4 succeeding 2-fiscal year periods.

1           (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur-  
2       suant to the authorization under this subsection  
3       shall remain available until expended.

4 **SEC. 12. OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE**  
5 **OVERSEAS CITIZENS TO CAST ABSENTEE**  
6 **BALLOTS IN ELECTIONS.**

7       (a) REQUIRING OFFICES WITH OVERSEAS PER-  
8 SONNEL TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO  
9 CAST ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each office of  
11       the Federal government that has employees whose  
12       designated post of duty is outside the United States  
13       shall provide such employees with notice of the  
14       rights provided to absent uniformed services voters  
15       and overseas voters under the Uniformed and Over-  
16       seas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to submit voter  
17       registration and absentee ballot requests and to sub-  
18       mit absentee ballots (including the Federal write-in  
19       absentee ballot described in such Act).

20           (2) TIMING OF NOTICE.—The head of an office  
21       shall provide the notice required under paragraph  
22       (1) not later than September 1 of each odd-num-  
23       bered year and June 1 of each even-numbered year.

24       (b) INCLUDING INFORMATION IN PASSPORTS.—The  
25       Secretary of State shall ensure that each passport issued

1 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act includes  
2 a page describing the rights provided to overseas voters  
3 under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting  
4 Act to submit voter registration and absentee ballot  
5 requests and to submit absentee ballots (including the  
6 Federal write-in absentee ballot described in such Act),  
7 and shall include on the page a list of resources through  
8 which individuals may obtain additional information re-  
9 garding such rights.

10 **SEC. 13. REGULATIONS.**

11 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act, the Presidential designee under the Uni-  
13 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act shall  
14 promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry  
15 out the amendments made to such Act by this Act, includ-  
16 ing regulations to redesign and rename the Federal Voter  
17 Registration and Absentee Ballot Application under sec-  
18 tion 101 of such Act to reflect the amendments made by  
19 section 2 of this Act.

20 **SEC. 14. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING INTERNET**  
21 **VOTING.**

22 Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by  
23 this Act may be construed to authorize the Presidential  
24 designee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Ab-  
25 sentee Voting Act or any State or local election official

1 to require or authorize any absent uniformed services  
2 voter or overseas voter under such Act or any other indi-  
3 vidual to use the Internet to cast a ballot in any election  
4 for public office.

5 **SEC. 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
7 respect to elections occurring on or after the expiration  
8 of the 120-day period which begins on the date of the en-  
9 actment of this Act.